GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE SERVICE ON INTERENT AND ELECTRONIC MAIL
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start telephone service on Internet and electronic mail at district Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of districts of Uttar Pradesh likely to be benefited from this scheme in the coming one year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): It was envisaged in New Telecom Policy-1999 (NTP 99) that the question of permitting Internet Telephony would be reviewed at an appropriate time keeping in view the technological innovations and their impact on national development. Accordingly, a review was made by the Government, and in terms of provisions of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act, 1997, the matter has been referred to TRAI on 20.7.2001 seeking its recommendation on the matter. Electronic Mail facility is already available as a part of Internet access available in all the district headquarters of the country including Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.